Happy Paws Havanese Puppy Supply Checklist

* Puppy food: We feed Farmina Lamb and Blueberry Ancestral Grains (puppy formula and then adult formula). However, there are many great options to research at: dogfoodadvisor.com. You can switch brands, add canned or raw toppers, or add safe human foods to jazz things up (dogs get bored eating the same things, too).
* Treats for training: Many safe human foods include cheese, plain cooked meats, baby carrots, cheerios. Or choose a brand of treats that’s made and sourced in the US. Jerky, soft, and hard treats are all appropriate. You will have to do some trial-and-error to see what your dog likes. For treats that last to keep your dog busy, we recommend Bully Sticks. (Always supervise your dog).
* Food and water dishes: Metal or ceramic is best.
* Crate: Plastic or metal is fine. You can choose one that he/she will grow with, or pick a small one for now, and a larger for adulthood.
* Puppy housetraining pads: We prefer washable. Can also buy “hospital bed pads” which are the same thing.
* Bedding: at least two, but likely more if you’re anything like us.
* Dog gate(s)/exercise pen(s): For limiting your dog’s “free run” area in your home. You will want a small area to start with (not much bigger than 4ftx4ft) when you are not supervising your puppy and can gradually increase with time and trust. Exercise pens are also great for safe off-leash play outdoors.
* Soft, adjustable collar (and new ones as he grows). Can use a harness instead if you prefer.
* At least one 4-6 foot leash, leather or nylon (an additional longer lead is useful for training)
* At least 5 or 6 safe chew toys (the more the better—toys can be rotated). Squeak toys, or those that make interesting noises are a favorite. Cat crinkle balls are also a favorite. Kongs, puzzle toys and the like are also great.
* A soft bristle brush, and a metal comb for grooming.
* Gentle puppy shampoo. Emu oil shampoo is our favorite.
* A good quality nail trimmer, scissors type.
* Books on the Havanese breed